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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

15. A method for the treatment of an occlusion in a blood vessel having a fluid pressure of at least about 0.2 psi, comprising:

a) inserting a first catheter having an occlusive device at its distal end into said blood vessel, until said occlusive device is distal to said occlusion;  
activating said occlusive device to at least partially occlude said vessel distal to said occlusion and create a working area surrounding said occlusion;

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